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SUBJECT: UNHCR APPEAL FOR ARAKANESE REFUGEES

REF: A. GENEVA 7944, B. DACCA 3386 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED COPY OF FORMAL UNHCR APPEAL
ON BEHALF OF ARAKANESE REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH ANTICIPATED
REF A. TRANSMITTED TO 74 COUNTRIES ON MAY 29, APPEAL IS
SUMMARIZED BELOW:
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2. UNHCR CITES 150,000 ARAKANESE REFUGEES, ALMOST HALF
OF WHOM ARE UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE, IN "CHITTAGONG
DISTRICTS OF BANGLADESH". INFLUX CONTINUES AND IT IS
FEARED NUMBER WILL SOON REACH 200,000. LARGE NUMBERS
SUFFERING FROM EXPOSURE, DYSENTERY AND MALARIA, SHELTER,
FOOD AND DRINKING WATER INADEQUATE. GOVERNMENT, AFTER

TAKING STEPS TO MEET IMMEDIATE SITUATION, APPEALED TO UNSYG AND UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE. UNCHR REQUESTED BY UNSYG TO COORDINATE UN RESPONSE. UNHCR REVIEWS STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS REPORTED PARA 2, REF A, AND CITES ESTABLISHMENT BY BDG OF INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO GRAPPLE WITH PROBLEM. WITHIN UN SYSTEM, PROGRAM COMPONENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON BASIS RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, AND APPROPRIATE COORDINATION MECHANISM ESTABLISHED WITH REGARD INTERAGENCY MEETINGS. CLOSE LIAISON ALSO BEING MAINTAINED WITH NGO'S, AND IN PARTICULAR LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES (LICROSS) WHICH LAUNCHED RECENT APPEAL.

3. MAJOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE URGENTLY REQUIRED. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH BDG, UN, VOLAGS AND OTHER AGENCIES, ALL OF WHICH ALREADY PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF, SET REQUIREMENTS FOR 200,000 PERSONS FOR PERIOD MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 1978 ESTIMATED AT \$15,565,000, INCLUDING SOME 25,000 TONS OF FOOD VALUED AT \$7.9 MILLION, WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL BE DONATED IN KIND ON CIF BASIS. TOTAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE NEEDS PRESENTED IN LICROSS APPEAL. BASED ON EXPRESSED WISH BDG, UNHCR WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ALL MULTI-LATERAL AND BI-LATERAL ASSISTANCE TO COORDINATE AND AVOID DUPLICATION. SUMMARY OF PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

A. FOOD, HOPEFULLY TO BE CONTRIBUTED IN KIND:
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WHEAT - 7,680 METRIC TONS (MT)
SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS - 5,520 MT
RICE - 7,680 MT
VEGETABLE OIL - 1,656 MT
FISH PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - 1,536 MT
DRIED SKIMMED MILK - 672 MT
SUGAR - 288 MT
SALT - 384 MT
TEA - 58 MT

VALUED AT STANDARD WFP PRICES FOR OVERSEAS AND MANDATORY GOVERNMENT PRICES FOR LOCAL PURCHASES WOULD BE \$7,900,000.

B. SHELTER - \$1,100,000 AS FOLLOWS:
LABOR AND LOCAL MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION 4,000
UNITS FOR 50 PERSONS EACH \$1,000,000 PLUS APPROXIMATELY
3 MILLION SQUARE FEET PLASTIC SHEETING \$100,000.

C. HEALTH, SANITATION, WATER SUPPLY, AND COMMUNAL
SERVICES - \$2,465,000 AS FOLLOWS:
(1) CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES TWO TEMPORARY
50-BED HOSPITALS \$300,000; GENERAL DRUGS AND
MEDICAMENTS FOR WHOLE CASELOAD \$1,000,000

(SUBTOTAL \$1,300,000)

- (2) 30 SANITATION UNITS EACH FOR 1,000 PERSONS
WITH RUNNING COSTS \$290,000; TRENCH LATRINES
FOR 170,000 PERSONS \$75,000 (SUBTOTAL \$365,000)
(3) WATER SUPPLY 1,200 TUBE WELLS TOTAL \$400,000.

- (4) COMMUNAL SERVICES AND SUNDRY SUPPLIES LIKE
SOAP AND DOMESTIC FUEL \$400,000.

D. CLOTHING, AND BLANKETS \$1,500,000 AS FOLLOWS:

SARIS 100,000 FOR \$240,000

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LUNGIES 100,000 FOR \$140,000

VESTS AND BLOUSES 100,000 EACH FOR \$200,000

CHILDRENS GARMENTS 200,000 FOR \$200,000

BLANKETS 120,000 FOR \$720,000

E. FOOD, TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLES \$1,900,000 AS
FOLLOWS:

- (1) OVERSEAS FREIGHT ON FOOD COSTED AT PREVAILING

RATES FOR WHEAT, SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS,
VEGETABLE OIL, FISH PROTEIN CONCENTRATE AND
DRIED SKIMMED MILK \$1,080,000.

(2) INLAND TRANSPORTATION FOR FOOD INCLUDING
HANDLING, STORAGE AND RELATED COSTS \$440,000
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(3) VEHICLES: MEDIUM TRUCKS 8 FOR \$100,000;
LIGHT VEHICLES 15 FOR \$90,000; AMBULANCES 5 FOR
\$50,000; AND RUNNING COSTS AT \$140,000.

F. CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS
\$700,000.

4. UNHCR ENDS APPEAL WITH STATEMENT THAT FOREGOING PRO-
VIDES BEST ESTIMATE OF NEEDS KNOWN TO DATE AND PLEDGES
THAT UNHCR COORDINATOR WILL RESPOND TO EMERGENCY
"FLEXIBLY" WITHIN RESOURCES IT HAS AT DISPOSAL.
DETAILS OF CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY MADE ARE AVAILABLE FROM
UNHCR, WHO APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND
GENEROUSLY AND SWIFTLY TO MEET THESE URGENT AND SUBSTAN-
TIAL NEEDS.

5. (RELATED DACCA TELEGRAM 3415 (NOTAL) RECEIVED AS FORE-
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